Dr. Donald E. Ross, President of the College of Boca Raton, recently conferred associate, bachelor, and master degrees to some 130 graduates during Commencement exercises. In addition to student degrees, honorary degrees were given to the guest speaker, Dr. Vladimir Sakharov, Soviet defector; Mrs. Francis (Dina) McMenimen, longtime friend and benefactor of the College; and the retiring Recorder, Miss Edith Whitlock. Each received the Doctor of Humane Letters. Some 800 parents, family, and friends attended the Saturday morning ceremony which was followed by the President’s Reception.

Thomas Le Pere, the student carrying the highest grade point average, welcomed the audience and participants. In his address, he told his fellow graduates that this day “was a day for reflection and contemplation; reflection of our growth and contemplation of the future. ... May your fantasies become dreams and your dreams become realities.”

Le Pere was the recipient of the Bachelor Degree Award presented by Mr. James Oussani of the Board of Overseers and Daniel Bauer was given the Associate Degree Award by Mrs. Francis McMenimen, Chairman of the Board of Overseers. The Bachelor Degree and Associate Degree Awards are presented to the students carrying the highest grade point average. Dr. Ronald Usiewicz was chosen as the 1987 Outstanding Teacher by the students and received the award from Dr. Thomas Robinson, Provost. It is interesting to note that the two top students were graduates of the Hotel/Restaurant Management Program, and the Outstanding Teacher is Professor and Coordinator of the Hotel/Restaurant Management Program.
Another exciting academic year is behind us at the College of Boca Raton. As we contemplate this past year, we are thankful for many things — an increasing student enrollment, dedicated faculty and staff, the continued interest and support of our friends and benefactors, and the opportunity to serve our community. Accreditation as a Level II institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was awarded in December. The College continues to provide innovative programming so necessary for today’s career-minded students.

The 1987-88 academic year marks 25 years of service for the College and we are planning many interesting events to celebrate this landmark occasion, the highlight of which will be our 25th Anniversary Ball to be held on November 21, 1987. We trust you will continue to support our endeavors in higher education and share our joy in celebrating our 25th Anniversary.

**Chauncey Cottrell Scholarship Fund**

Dr. Donald E. Ross announced the establishment of the Chauncey Cottrell Scholarship Fund at the College of Boca Raton. Mrs. Cottrell and her son, Kirk, recently made the initial contribution of $14,000 on behalf of family and friends. The Fund will help students enrolled in the Hotel/Restaurant Management Program.

The late Chauncey Cottrell was Concierge at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club for 35 years, and is remembered for his kindness, wit, and sensitivity. Chauncey’s Court at the Hotel is named in memory of Mr. Cottrell.

Mrs. Francis McMenimen Honored

Mrs. Francis (Dina) McMenimen, longtime friend and benefactor of the College, was granted the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during Commencement exercises. Dr. Donald E. Ross, President, conferred the degree. Mrs. McMenimen was recognized for her years of dedicated service to the College of Boca Raton and the Boca Raton community. She is Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the College as well as Chairman of the Friends of the Library. She and her deceased husband were Chairmen of the first College Ball and she has been a member of every subsequent Ball Committee. She is the first woman to sit on the board of the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club of which she has been a member since 1964. She is also a member of several clubs in New Jersey and Florida including the Gulf Stream Bath & Tennis Club and the Boca Raton Hotel and Club. Mrs. McMenimen has two daughters and two grandsons.
Sakharov Recipient of Honorary Degree

Dr. Vladimir N. Sakharov, the keynote speaker during Commencement, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Dr. Donald E. Ross. Dr. Sakharov, a Soviet trained journalist, diplomat, and intelligence officer was once a member of the KGB until his disillusionment with Soviet policy made him an agent for the United States and eventually caused his defection. He is now a United States citizen and in his address to the graduates he praised the virtues of freedom of choice in America.

"For Russians, the choices are limited and only for those living in big cities. For all the others, life is mapped out. In America, you have the option to do whatever you want in hopes of making a million dollars someday."

Sakharov also pointed out flaws in his adopted society, warning the students that although Americans are generally long on idealism, they are increasingly short on realistic knowledge of world affairs. He cited the recent tragedy of the USS Stark.

"This is a happy day for you, but also a sad time for the United States because we had 37 sailors killed in the Persian Gulf," he said. "People here don't pay as much attention as they should to the Middle East and other places outside of the country. ... If the United States is to keep up with the Soviet Union in international politics and economics, its students are going to have to become more knowledgeable in foreign affairs. Freedom of choice as opposed to a lack of choices is what separates the American student from the Soviet student. The problem in the West right now is that foreign affairs is not popular with the students, and the colleges are not paying attention to teaching it. I think we are losing a share of the international market because students coming out of school are good technicians, but not good salesmen overseas. They don't speak foreign languages and are ignorant of foreign cultures; but there will be increasing pressure from the business community to have liberal arts requirements for all hard science majors."

Sakharov closed by wishing the graduates success in their chosen fields of endeavor and charging them to remember their heritage and the blessings of being an American.

Edith Whitlock Retires

Edith Whitlock was born in Arlington, New Jersey, in 1912. She graduated from high school in Lambertville, New Jersey and attended Rutgers University as an accounting major. She retired as Chief of the Audit and Accounting Section of the Public Employee's Retirement System of New Jersey after twenty years of service.

After moving to Florida in 1958, she held several positions before joining Marymount College in 1970 as secretary to the Academic Dean. In September 1972, Miss Whitlock was promoted to the position of Recorder. Her dedication and resourcefulness were invaluable during the transition from Marymount College, a two-year girls school, to the College of Boca Raton, a four-year coeducational institution.

Miss Whitlock has served the College with devotion and integrity for seventeen years. She has made an indelible mark upon the history of the College and will be greatly missed by her friends and colleagues. In recognition of her service to the College, she was granted an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Commencement.
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The President's Reception

Hon. Ray Osborne, Mrs. Don Ross, Dr. Vladimir Sakharov, Dr. Don Ross

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Dr. Ron Ustewicz, Dr. Don Ross

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Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. Ross hosted a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Vladimir Sakharov. Dr. Sakharov was the Commencement Speaker. Friends and benefactors of the College were invited to meet with Dr. and Mrs. Sakharov. A gra-
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cious and charming individual, Dr. Sakharov kept the guests thoroughly entertained during the evening. His stories of Russian life and politics were major topics of discussion.

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Dr. Don Ross, Dr. Vladimir Sakharov, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lynn

Mr. Ron Assaf, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Rosica, Dr. Vladimir Sakharov, Mrs. Ron Assaf, Dr. Don Ross

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Conard Named Vice President For Academic Affairs

Dr. Donald E. Ross has announced the appointment of Dr. Will Conard as Vice President for Academic Affairs effective August, 1987. Dr. Conard, who holds the Ph.D. from Florida State University, is presently Associate Executive Director of the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional accrediting agency.

Dr. Conard has extensive administrative and teaching experience including having served as Academic Dean at the University of South Carolina's Salkehatchie Campus.

Dr. Conard's major areas of responsibility will include providing leadership in the planning and supervision of all academic affairs; supervising and directing the responsibilities of all Division Chairmen, the Librarian, and the Registrar; formulating and implementing administrative and operational policies and procedures relating to academic affairs and effecting liaisons with other institutions, professional organizations, business, and industry.

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